



## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE November 1, 2011**

### **New CTE Professionals Workshop**

The Career & Technical Education division's specialists and staff presented a New Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professionals Workshop at Paris Gibson Education Center in Great Falls Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Secondary career and technical education professionals, as well as student teachers and university faculty, from around the state attended the free one-day workshop to gain information on the many hot topics of career and technical education at the state and national levels. Those in attendance represented various career and technical education areas including business education, family and consumer sciences education, and industrial technology education.

Attendees participated in two joint morning sessions addressing Carl Perkins and state funding and the Career Clusters, Big Sky Pathways, and various STatewide ARTiculation (START) agreements. The morning joint sessions were followed by an area-specific breakout session covering professional organizations, professional development opportunities at the state, regional, and national levels, and resources for curriculum development and classroom management.

The afternoon focused on career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) and providing new advisors with tips, tricks, and resources for developing a local chapter and implementing a successful program of activities.

The workshop was a great success with quality information being passed on to the classroom teachers and with quality discussions during the sessions. The workshop also provide an excellent venue for new career and technical education professionals to network and build professional relationships they can draw upon as they continue their careers within the career and technical education professional.

### **Fall CTE Data Collection continues**

The fall CTE data collection began October 1st and ends on December 31, 2011. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2010-2011 school year) must be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) data system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE data collection are located on the OPI Secondary CTE web page listed under 'Data Collections' located here: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6) as well as the OPI AIM Web page.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 (toll-free) or e-mail [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov). Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov)



## **Agriculture Education**

Another great year has started, with new Ag programs in Victor and Cut Bank. All of the openings across the state were filled.

There will be regional trainings held across the state on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for NQPS assessments. Training sessions will be held in Sidney, Great Falls, Shepherd, Havre, Missoula and Lewistown.

## **FFA**

The 84<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention just concluded and was attended by over 53,000 FFA members, including over 600 from Montana. Native American Heritage was honored at the convention and Montana had members from the Blackfeet Nation (Browning), Crow Nation (Lodge Grass), and the Northern Cheyenne from Lame Deer. A special honor for Montana was an appearance by Earl Old Person, Chief of the Blackfeet Nation, who spoke at a general session and helped award each National FFA officer and National advisor with a special Pendleton blanket. The Browning FFA honored National FFA Advisor, Dr. Steve Brown, with the "Shared Spirits" blanket that will now hang in the National FFA Center in Indianapolis.

Other highlights of the convention included the Missoula FFA Chapter placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the Environmental/Natural Resources Career Development Event; Katie Hogemark, state officer from Big Timber, placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Farm Business Management CDE, winning a \$1,000 scholarship from John Deere; and 40 Montana members received their highest honor, the American FFA Degree.

The Montana FFA Association has 85 active FFA Chapters this year with over 2,500 members. Two new chapters (Cut Bank & Victor) will get their charter this year. **FFA information submitted by Bill Jimmerson, Montana FFA Association, Phone: 406.994.7050; e-mail: [bjimmerson@metnet.mt.gov](mailto:bjimmerson@metnet.mt.gov).**

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## **Business Education**

October has been a busy time for Montana's secondary business and marketing education professionals. Montana DECA's advisors and state officers held their fall meeting in Helena September 18 and local Business Professionals of America advisors attended their regional meetings held throughout the state in late-September to early-October.

In addition to meetings pertaining to Career and Technical Student Organizations, many of Montana's secondary business and marketing education professionals have been participating in the Big Sky Pathways Initiative's Next Steps Workshops. The first three of the eight workshops were held in Great Falls, October 10 and 11; Havre, October 12 and 13; and Kalispell, October 25 and 26. During the month of November, Next Steps Workshops will be held in Billings, Miles City, and Missoula.



October 20 and 21, many of Montana's business and marketing education professionals attended the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute held in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn. In addition to classroom teachers, also in attendance were two future business educators from the University of Montana. Institute attendees attended many informative workshops and breakout sessions. During the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) business meeting Thursday morning, the new MBEA officers were elected for 2012 and includes President Scott Anderson, Baker High School; President Elect Elaine Stedman, Sidney High School; Vice President Doug Andersen, Park City High School; Secretary Julie Hanson, White Sulphur Springs High School; Treasurer Bertha Kirschten, Circle High School; Membership Director Linda Cotton, Cascade High School; and Past President Regina Wood, Park High School.

Additionally on Thursday, three of secondary educators were recognized and honored for their contributions to business education, career and technical education, and to their students, schools and communities during the MBEA and Montana ACTE awards programs. Doug Andersen (Park City High School) was named the 2011 New/Young Business Teacher of the Year and the award for 2011 Business Teacher of the Year went to Shelly Stanton of Billings West High School. During the Montana ACTE awards luncheon, Shields Valley business educator Mitzi Richards was named Montana ACTE's Teacher of the Year for 2011.

### **Montana DECA**

In October, DECA had their annual membership kickoff. With only three chapters reporting, we are already near 150 members for Montana. The Preliminary Membership Deadline for DECA is November 15th and we are hoping to continue our outstanding membership numbers!

November has several national conferences occurring across the country that some Montana DECA students will be participating in. The DECA Innovations & Entrepreneurship Conference is in Chicago, IL, November 3-5. The Western Region Leadership Conference in San Diego is November 10-12 and the New York Experience has the first week of participation starting November 30-December 4 in New York City.

November 11th is the deadline for the Montana DECA National Conference Pin contest. We had several designs submitted last year and are hoping to have several more this year. The Montana DECA State Officers vote on the winning design and the student with the chosen design receives \$50.

Finally, the Montana DECA State Officers will be having their State Conference Planning Conference Call towards the end of November to finalize plans for the State Conference in February.

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## Family and Consumer Sciences Education

This school year finds Family and Consumer Sciences educators diligently working on Big Sky Pathways in the continued effort from last year. This year, FCS educators have or will be attending pathways workshops in conjunction with post-secondary programs at MSU COT-Great Falls, UM COT-Missoula, Flathead Valley Community College-Kalispell, Dawson Community College-Glendive, Gallatin College Programs-Bozeman, and the UM COT-Helena. FCS educators continued to build and improve pathways in the following areas:

- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
  - Interior Design
- Education & Training
  - Early Childhood Education
- Hospitality & Tourism
  - Culinary Arts
- Human Services
  - Family & Community Services

Recently, approximately 55 FCS educators attended the Montana ACTE Fall Institute in Great Falls to receive professional development specific to the FCS area. Here, three of our educators were honored. Edith Vogel, Shepherd, was awarded the Montana ACTE New Teacher of the Year, and she will move on to compete at Region V ACTE in April. Contrella Peterson, Park City, was announced as the Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Educators (MAFCSE; FCS Division of Montana ACTE) New Teacher of the Year and Ruthann Zielsdorf, Wibaux, received the MAFCSE Teacher of the Year award. Congratulations to these outstanding professionals for their achievement!

In October, five Montana FCCLA State Officers traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Capitol Leadership conference. Here, they learned about advocating for CTE and FCCLA as well as continuing to develop leadership skills. While on Capitol Hill, they had the chance to visit directly with Senator Tester.

Each Montana FCCLA District continues to hold their Fall Leadership Meeting. These meetings focus on leadership development, educational workshops, and new district officer elections. The dates are listed below:

October 25, 2011 – FCCLA District 10 Fall Meeting, Billings, MT  
November 1, 2011 – FCCLA District 9 Fall Meeting, Lewistown, MT  
November 8, 2011 – FCCLA District 11 Fall Meeting, Dillon, MT  
November 14, 2011 – FCCLA District 3 Fall Meeting, Havre, MT  
November 16, 2011 – FCCLA District 1 Fall Meeting, Chester, MT  
December 6, 2011 – FCCLA District 2 Fall Meeting, Three Forks, MT  
December 7, 2011 – FCCLA District 6/7 Fall Meeting, Missoula, MT  
December 14, 2011 – FCCLA District 5 Fall Meeting, Glendive, MT

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## **Health Sciences Technology Education**

Advocacy for CTE programs is crucial for explaining our role in workforce development. One of our larger health science programs was in the news recently. Bozeman High School held a Lab Day for all 220 biomedical students. You can read about it at:

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/education/article\\_9d4787b2-f090-11e0-ac43-001cc4c002e0.html#.To8Vk8k6oGo.email](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/education/article_9d4787b2-f090-11e0-ac43-001cc4c002e0.html#.To8Vk8k6oGo.email)

HOSA Fall Leadership is planned for Monday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry. HOSA state officers will offer workshops to chapter officers from across the state in developing programs of work, fundraising, membership, competitive events, and icebreakers. The state advisor, Bergen Morehouse, will offer additional workshops for chapter advisors.

The Big Sky Pathways meetings were off to a good start in Great Falls, Oct. 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Health science teachers from all Great Falls High, CM Russell High, Paris-Gibson Educational Center, Fort Benton High, and Augusta High attended with counselors, math and English teachers, and staff from MSU Great Falls College of Technology, to work on a gap analysis of high school and college coursework. This work is critical to successful transitions for our high school students. This work is scheduled to continue with a follow-up meeting at the College of Technology since there are 14 different health science certificate and/or associate degrees to align. Even though we will not have health science teachers at all college workshops, I will be attending and will work with any teachers/counselors/faculty interested in learning more about health science curriculum or teacher training.

### **Montana HOSA**

#### **Fall Leadership Conference**

The HOSA Fall Leadership Conference is just around the corner and will take place on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Helena at the Montana Learning Center. The HOSA State Officers have planned a great conference for local advisors and officers. The State Officers will be leading workshops for their peers on topics such as leadership, membership, program of work, fundraising, and competitive events. Additionally, the State HOSA Advisor will be leading a workshop for all the advisors to cover logistics for the year, new updates, and provide an opportunity for the advisors to network. The importance of leadership skills and running for a state officer position will also be covered. A summary and photos of the conference will be share in the November HOSA Update.

#### **HOSA Advisory Board Meeting**

The HOSA Advisory Board met on October 7<sup>th</sup> for a quarterly Board Meeting. Representatives from the healthcare industry, K-12 schools, post-secondary schools, AHEC, and HOSA State Officers comprise this Board. They help guide the future direction of HOSA and assist with activities as needed such as fundraising, State Conference judging, contracts, policies, etc. The Board's diverse representation from industry and education allows them to play a key role in HOSA's growth and ultimately address the healthcare workforce shortage we see in Montana and the nation as a whole.

#### **Membership**

Montana HOSA is continually growing and expanding. Since last month, we have added HOSA chapters at Butte High School and MSU Great Falls College of Technology. These two new chapters are in addition to 12 others at: Augusta, Belgrade, Billings Career Center, Bozeman, Columbia Falls, CMR, Flathead, Great Falls, Helena High, Noxon, Ronan, Sentinel. As the demand for healthcare workers continues to grow, so is Montana HOSA!

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

No update at this time.

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